

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN  
STAGE 1 EXAMINATION HEARINGS**

**AGENDA – DAY 4**

Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 9.30am

**Venue:** Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Club,  
Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

**MATTER 4 - Housing and Employment Needs (Policy SP2)**

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspectors in their schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (ID7).
- This session will not consider land supply or detailed site-specific representations as these will be examined during Stage 2. The distribution of the housing and employment requirements is scheduled to be discussed in Matter 3.
- The Inspectors will make a short opening to the session covering any relevant house-keeping, procedural or programming matters.
- The hearing will run until around 5pm, with a lunch break at 12.30pm and a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break.

**Issue**

Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the overall provision for housing and employment land.

**Opening**

**Matter 4 discussion points**

Housing needs

1. Whether the preferred approach to housing growth and the housing requirement set out in Policy SP2 of 30,800 dwellings (1,400 dwellings per annum) over the plan period of 2016 to 2038, is justified, positively prepared and consistent with national policy.
2. Whether the provision made within the Local Plan to accommodate some of the identified unmet housing needs of the Black Country is justified, and the Plan's approach to delivering this is effective and is capable of addressing this in a sustainable manner within the plan period, in accordance with national policy.
3. Whether the Local Plan should set specific requirements for specialist housing, including in respect to the needs of older persons, self and custom build, the armed forces, the Travelling Community and boat dwellers.
4. Whether the housing requirement in the Local Plan is appropriately aligned with forecasts for jobs growth to deliver a "balanced approach".
5. Whether it is realistic that this examination can determine if the Council has a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land.
6. In the context of PPG at Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 68-010-20190722, whether the Council has sufficiently demonstrated that it has engaged with developers and others with an interest in housing delivery (as set out in [Paragraph 74a of the Framework](#)), at draft plan publication (Regulation 19) stage.
7. Whether a housing trajectory showing the expected rate of delivery of housing land should be included in the Local Plan.

#### Employment needs

8. Whether the preferred "balanced growth" approach and the resulting employment land requirement set out in Policy SP2 of around 300 hectares (14ha per annum) over the plan period of 2016 to 2038, is justified, positively prepared and consistent with national policy.
9. Whether the provision made within the Local Plan to accommodate some of the unmet employment land needs of the Black Country is justified, and the Plan's approach to delivering this is effective and is capable of addressing this in a sustainable manner within the plan period, in accordance with national policy.
10. Whether the employment land requirement should be expressed in terms of the number of jobs expected to be provided and the

appropriate gross site to floorspace ratio for calculating land requirements.